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Phil Collins' extensive Alamo collection coming home
Entertainment icon donates artifacts to the state for protection and exhibition

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THE ALAMO, Texas — The largest-known private collection of artifacts from the Texas Revolution and the Battle of the Alamo will soon be coming home.

Former Genesis drummer, Oscar^{TM} winner, multiple Grammy Award^{TM} winner and Texana collector Phil Collins will join Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson to announce the donation of his famed collection of rarities to the State of Texas on behalf of the Alamo on June 26.

The private collection was popularized in Collins' 384-page book, "The Alamo and Beyond" published in 2012.

For many of the items, the donation will mean many items will be returning to the cradle of Texas liberty for the first time since the legendary defeat of Texian forces by Mexican troops under Santa Anna in 1836.

Collins' Alamo collection includes invaluable artifacts like Jim Bowie's legendary knife, and one of only four rifles left that were owned by Davy Crockett. Collins has Crockett's leather shot pouch and two powder horns he allegedly gave a Mexican officer before his death. There are letters from William B. Travis and many other invaluable historic documents that shed insight on early Texas history.

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For more information on the Alamo, please visit the official Alamo website at www.thealamo.org.

WHO: Musician Phil Collins and Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson

WHAT: Donation of massive private Alamo artifact collection to the Alamo

WHEN: 10 a.m. Thursday, June 26

WHERE: In front of the Alamo Shrine, 300 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, Texas

WHY: Major accomplishment in new era of Alamo management by the state

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